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TIME TABLE.

Monroe City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs Railroad.

Leave Forest City. North. South.
 Mail and Express. 2:30 P. M. 1:30 P. M.
 30 2:30 A. M. 12:15 A. M.
 Valleys Branch. 4:25 P. M. 10:30 A. M.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

Those parties who are in arrears on subscription to The County Paper are respectfully requested to call and settle their indebtedness, as we need and must have the money due us. Subscribers can ascertain just how they stand and see what period they are paid to by examining the printed date, following their name on the margin of their paper.

HOME NEWS.

—Girls, shirring is out of favor.
 —Two breach of promise suits are on our circuit court docket, for January.
 —John S. Chapin, who lives near Craig, sold 48 head of hogs last week, that averaged 378 3-4 pounds.
 —J. A. Keesee and Robert Fredrick were both made happy Christmas—Santa Claus brought each a baby—only a toy.

—Solomon Meyer, the little eleven year-old son of George Meyers, won a turkey at the shooting match at Robert Patterson's last Saturday.
 —The M. E. Church at Maitland, will be re-opened next Sunday, January 1st. Rev. O. S. Middleton, of Savannah, Missouri, officiating.

—The Woman's Union hereby tender a vote of thanks to Mrs. R. M. McMurray, for a donation of Appleton's Journal for 1882, to the Public Library. Sec.
 —There will be a literary entertainment, social and supper at the rooms of the Woman's Union, this (Thursday) evening. Admission, 25 cents.

—"Ask no woman her age," says a recent writer on social ethics. Of course not. Ask her next best lady friend. She will never fail to give the information.

—Rev. W. E. Williams, of Olathe, Kansas, has accepted the charge of the Presbyterian churches of this city and New Point. He will preach his first sermon of the year on Sunday, January 1st, 1882.

—A photographic counterfeit \$5 note purporting to be issued by the Boston National Bank, Massachusetts, has been discovered. The face of the note is a good imitation, but the green border on the back shows crude printing and engraving.

—Collector Morrison wants to see you, and see you had, if you have not paid your taxes. Don't wait until the last day in the afternoon and then come because there is such a crowd, but walk up and pay your taxes now, and be happy.

—Wolves in this region have become so numerous and bold of late, that they make free to attack and kill Mr. F. W. Walter's sheep, right here in the town of Corning. The town turned out en masse the other day, with guns and dogs in quest of the devils.—Corning Eagle.

—The Government has furnished a large quantity of the German Carp—a fish that grows so fast that in two or three years the fish weighs from five to six pounds. This fish lives best in any sluggish pond where frogs will live, and is easily kept. The fish Commissioners at St. Joseph, Silas Woodson, Chairman, will supply those who have ponds if they will write and enclose postage stamps for reply.

—Of course you can get a large city weekly filled with accounts of suicides, scandal cases, blood, murders, etc., for less money than you are obliged to pay for either of your local papers; but the weekly does not advertise your county and make your property more valuable. They don't help along your schools and churches. They don't publish your court proceedings and county news. They don't fight your battles and they have no interest in you. A town or county can no more get along without a good newspaper than it can without schools and churches. If one of our farmer friends should happen to step into the office of one of these city newspapers he would find out in about two minutes that he had no cordial welcome there, such as he had always met with in the newspaper offices at home. Then why not stand by your home papers?

—Elder David Wetzel will commence a series of meetings at the Fairview church, next Monday evening.

—Rev. S. Carothers, will preach at the Triumph school house next Sunday at 11 A. M. and at Oregon at night.

—J. Foster Marshall, having returned from his southern trip, is now ready to attend to business. He can be seen in Mound City on Saturday of each week, and in Oregon the remainder of the time.

—A ladies fur box, was found Christmas eve. The owner can have the same by calling at the residence of Mrs. Belle Watson, near Oregon and describing property, and paying for this notice.

—Atchison county is in all the throes of a county seat war. Any county is to be pitted which has such a war within its borders. But with the constitution of the State as it is, the county seat will not be moved.

—For the convenience of our patrons who may desire to subscribe for The Prairie Farmer (\$2.00) in connection with our paper (price 2.00) we will supply the two papers, if ordered at same time, for \$3.50.

—Groves & Ferguson, of Forest City, will open up a stock of general merchandise in Mound City, about the 1st of January. They have rented the store room in the Glenn block, formerly occupied by Corsant & Meyer.

—The residence of Phillip Forney, six miles northeast of Oregon, was entirely destroyed by fire Thursday last. Mr. Forney is ill able to stand such a loss, and we hope he will bear up bravely against this great misfortune.

—Corsant & Meyer's opera house, Mound City, was formally opened, on last Friday evening, by Draper's Uncle Tom Combinations. The company was a good one, and the roles were all well sustained. There were about six hundred tickets sold.

—Married, in Pana, Illinois, December 24th, Mr. C. W. Lukens, of this city, to Miss Alice Rayhill, of Pana, Illinois. The bridal party arrived in this city Wednesday evening, and on Thursday an elegant reception was tendered them at the residence of the groom's parents.

—EDITOR COUNTY PAPER:—Will you tell a subscriber the origin of the word thimble. The word is derived from "Thimble," being at first thimble, and afterward thimble. The little instrument itself is a Dutch invention, and was first introduced in England about the year 1605, by John Lofting.

—Another young man has pulled his shot gun out of the wagon by the muzzle with the usual result. It never fails, although all weather signs may in dry weather. The young man's name was Gallagher and he resides a short distance east of Maryville. A severe wound in the groin was the amount of damage done this time.

—In answer to a request to publish the laws governing the taking up of estrays, we append the following points, which are a sufficient guide as to the necessary legal proceedings: "The person taking up a stray must give notice of his action, giving full description of the animal taken up by posting three notices in the township where he resides and shall send a copy of said notice to the county clerk ten days before posting. He must also retain a copy of said notice for filing with the justice of the peace when he goes before him to post the stray. He shall state in the notice that if the stray be not claimed and proven within ten days the same shall be posted before some justice of the peace of the county. At the expiration of ten days, if the stray has not been claimed he should go before some justice of the peace and file a copy of the notice given by him and make affidavit that the animal was taken up by him on his premises, and that the marks or brands have not been changed by him. The justice shall appoint three disinterested householders to view and appraise said stray. The owner of the stray may, within one year, prove the same before some justice of the peace of the county. If the owner and taker-up cannot agree as to the amount for keeping of said stray, it must be decided by the justice of the peace before whom the stray is proved. The taker-up cannot claim compensation for keeping a stray but one day before he posts the notice. The fees allowed by the stray law are as follows: The taker-up is allowed 25 cents for taking up a stray. For posting notices, \$1.25; for affidavits 50 cents; the justice, 85 cents; the county clerk's fee, 40 cents; and each appraiser 50 cents. For publishing notice, \$1.00.

—A social meeting will be held at the Christian church, next Sunday at 11 A. M.
 —The residence of James Stewart, near Book's Mill, was entirely destroyed by fire last Monday evening. No insurance.
 —Ed Muxlow, of Mound City, knows just how to keep a hotel. We have but few Ed Muxlows in this part of the State. His excellent wife looks after the culinary department in excellent style, while their sleeping apartments are all that man could wish.
 —There will be preaching at the Presbyterian church, this city, next Sabbath morning and evening, by the pastor, W. E. Williamson. In connection with the morning service, the sacrament will be administered. A general attendance is earnestly solicited.
 —Trading has been rather light in the grain markets for the past week. Foreign advices have been a little more favorable to holders, but the eastern markets are only easy. The receipts have been liberal but shipments light. Cattle have been in fair demand and slight advances are noticed on all grades. Hogs are in good request and prices are showing an upward tendency. The markets closed firm. Cattle, \$6.60; Hogs, \$6.30; Wheat, \$1.25; corn, 67.

—The Art Amateur for January gives thirteen large pages of designs for decorative art work, including a "chrysanthemum" plate and a beautiful portrait plaque by Camille Pissarro; a fine plaque and two tiles of birds and flowers, a charming fan design of cupids and lovers, and a numerous array of embroidery monograms and church decorations. There are also two attractive full pages of Sabatardi Club drawings and holiday book illustrations. Messrs. Satterlee and Bricher furnish clever costume sketches: the Philadelphia Artists Exhibition is reviewed and illustrated; and "Doulton Ware," "The China of our Grandmothers," and "The Sgraffito of the Corsi Palace" are also the subjects of text and illustration. Among the other valuable articles are those on "Artists' Views on Woman's Dress," "Art Value of Photography," "Famend Dresses and Lace," "Correct Principles in Furniture," "Hanging and Framing of Pictures," and "Industrial Art for Women." Certainly no lover of art can afford to be without this handsome and richly filled periodical. Price per annum, \$4; single copies, 35 cents. Montague Marks, publisher, 33 Union Square, N. Y. City.

—Mrs. Birdsell Fiegenbaum desires to inform the public that the Electro Therapeutic Bath, formerly owned by Mrs. Mary Miller, is now in her possession. Mrs. Fiegenbaum is prepared to give the baths to all desiring such treatment. She will take pleasure in explaining the mode of treatment to those who wish to examine the Bath Residence, Southwest Cor. of Square, Oregon, Holt County, Mo.

—An effort existing without a cause is an impossibility; tickling in the throat, hoarseness of the voice, violent coughing, etc., are the effects of a severe cold. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup cures the cold at once, and removes its serious effects.

Time! Time!
 Gentle reader, did you ever pause to think about the flight of time. How it flies and passes away. Did it ever occur to you that the present is all the time that you can claim. What has passed has gone forever, and the future you may never enjoy. Now, you should employ the present for a good purpose, and it is important to have correct time. Numerous are the instances of great disappointment in life by being behind time. How often has been the cry, too late! We might refer to many instances of this kind, but on this occasion will refer to but one. A few years ago, there was a piece of property for sale, at a very low price; two gentlemen desired to purchase it; the first party stated the exact hour of time he would buy; the second party made application to purchase it; the first party stated the exact hour of time he would buy; the second party made application to purchase it; the first party stated the exact hour of time he would buy; the second party made application to purchase it.

There are times when the day is too long. We know not how to fill well its broad hours, and each moment seems like a procession of sorrows, for melancholy reflections come upon us like the ghosts of mis-spent hours. What can kill such sorrows more quickly than a dart of reason? Where is there a more effective remedy than a dose of philosophy?

Is this hour, this to-day full of gloom? Then roll back the curtain of time, and let the mind's eye view some glad hour; go with Christ or Plato to some better time, some happier scene of other days, and make it a part of this gloomy and uninviting to-day. Literature will lend you her swift trains which are never behind time, and which run through many regions of rich experience; through the lights and shadows of life; through war's wild scenes, through ages and systems of religion. Literature is the store-house wherein are lived experiences of every age and condition. The philosopher's wisdom is the fruit of well spent days, and the poet's song is the blending of a day's harmony with the music of life. Literature, like an angel—more like a God—preserves all truths, consoles sorrow, elevates man.

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Uncouth Lads.

There seems to be an element in the society of all cities, towns, villages and neighborhoods, which takes a delight in discouraging and destroying all the ennobling acts and influences of cultivated mankind. They seem to imagine that society is only kept in an organized condition for their entertainment, and that all meetings—both public and private—are only arranged for their special indulgence. They are uncouth, thoughtless and boisterous, and don't seem to care for anybody, themselves included. Oregon, we are sorry to say, is no exception to this general rule, and we have here a class of young roughs whose moral crafts are rapidly drifting upon that stream which flows by the way of jails and court rooms, and empties itself into State Prisons. It seems to be the general belief that the small boys—lads—of town are the cause of all this undue disturbance of lawful assemblages; but the real cause lies deeper down than their young lives will measure. "The way the wind blows the twig is bent, and the way the twig is bent the tree is inclined." Parents have the whole matter within their own hands; under their own control; and they alone are responsible. The Union Literary Society, of this city, at its meeting on last Friday night, the 16th inst., was greatly disturbed by these youthful wrong-doers, and parents will do well to look to the behavior of their children upon all future occasions of the same kind, as the members of said society are determined to report these uncouth lads to the proper officers and have them dealt with according to law.

The Wherefore.
 EDITOR COUNTY PAPER:—Some few weeks ago one of our city papers asked why the "Woman's Union" did not furnish concerts, lectures, etc., this winter. The answer is very simple;—there is not in this town a suitable hall for such entertainment within their control. At different times the churches have been granted for such use, but there is always more or less trouble attending the privilege, and the society heretofore managing these entertainments has decided to take a rest till Mr. Zook completes the fine hall he has in view. When that time arrives the "Woman's Union" can, and will engage from time to time such talent as the people demand. At the present moment they are declining several very attractive artists for the reason above given—no hall. If our Honorable County Court could see its way clear to grant the court room for concerts, etc., until the Opera House "rooms" up, I for one should be in favor of giving them a sure-enough banquet, as the COUNTY PAPER suggests.

Oregon needs a hall, Oregon needs a railroad, but before she gets either, she will have to explode a few car loads of dynamite in our midst to rouse the "Rip-Van-winkles." With your permission I shall give you before long a hint or two on our backward progress educationally during the last few months. For the present, I am PLAIN FACTS.

Light and Shadows.
 There are times when the day is too long. We know not how to fill well its broad hours, and each moment seems like a procession of sorrows, for melancholy reflections come upon us like the ghosts of mis-spent hours. What can kill such sorrows more quickly than a dart of reason? Where is there a more effective remedy than a dose of philosophy?

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PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Oregon.
 —Benj. Allen and wife, have returned from New York.
 —Adam Jacobs has returned from Ohio.

—Mrs. J. H. Nies, is visiting relatives in Clatsop, Iowa.
 —Newt. Ruley, of Hiawatha, Kan., was among his relatives in this city, last week.

—E. Kelley, of Maitland, was shaking hands with his Oregon friends last Monday.
 —Miss Mary Faris, of St. Joseph, is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Stewart Keesee.

—Ben. Arnold, a young attorney of Brownville, Nebraska, is visiting his cousin, Mrs. W. H. Frame.
 —Jacob Gilstrap and wife, of Macon county, Mo., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. S. G. Thomas.

—John K. and Wm. A. Martin, of Randolph county, Indiana, are visiting their sister, Mrs. W. O. King.
 —Theo. Acton, who has been in Colorado for the past two years, is visiting relatives and friends in this county.

—Dr. R. L. Johnson, of Harrison county, Ohio, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Isaac Lamb and Mrs. S. B. Lukens.
 —Elder C. L. Butts, of Craig, is conducting a series of meetings in Lincoln township, Nowaday county.

—Samuel Foster, Miss Mary Foster and Maggie Brownlee are spending the holidays with friends in the Buckeye State.
 —James Cahill and wife, who have been visiting the family of G. W. Cummins, left for their home in Ohio, last Friday.

—W. M. Coston, formerly of this county, but now of Centralia, Kansas, spent Christmas day with friends in Oregon.
 —Charles Bradrick, agent of the B. & M. railroad, at Kearney, Nebraska, took his Christmas dinner with his sister, Mrs. G. A. Feigenbaum, of this city.

Forest City.
 —Miss Nellie Canaan is visiting here.
 —Miss Clara Wilkinson is spending vacation with her father.
 —Walter Willis took in the city of St. Sue Sunday and Monday.

—Mr. H. K. Robinson, son and niece went to St. Joe last Sunday.
 —Mr. and Mrs. Prince Hart were visiting here Saturday and Sunday.

—Mrs. J. Outman, daughter of Mrs. Reinhart, is here with her daughter.
 —Ira Knill came up Sunday to see the grand improvements (?) in F. C.
 —Mr. and Mrs. Luckhardt spent Christmas with relatives in Mound City.

—Mr. Web Smith and wife ate their Christmas dinner with father Nies and family.
 —Miss Manda Reynolds, sister of Mr. Jim Williams, was married at the home of her aunt in Corning last Sunday evening to Mr. Willie Thomas, of Corning.

—Among those who spent Christmas in Forest were Messrs. Chris Frisby, Charles Graves, Dr. Minton and family, Misses Jessie Whobrey and Mary Haigler.
 —A pleasant party at Mr. Jesse's on Saturday evening.

—The Academy closed for Christmas vacation on Thursday.
 —Mrs. Hunt, mother of Mrs. M. M. Smith, is visiting here.
 —Mrs. David Wetzel has returned from her visit to Illinois.

—The public school will not have a vacation, as it opened so late in the fall.
 —Miss Matt Evans, of Maitland, spent a few days visiting her Mound City friends, last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Brown left last week for a short visit to Clarence, Missouri, their old home.
 —The following marriage licenses were issued during the month of December:

Wm. Steele and Miss Belinda Freed, of Craig.
 Proseley Hicks and Miss Emma Hunt, of Bigelow.
 W. R. Williams and Miss Lizzie Guley, of Craig.

E. M. Glenn and Miss Ella Hunter, of Maitland.
 Fred W. Degge and Miss Bettie Walter, of Corning.
 George K. Clark and Miss Alice Lofler, of Maitland.

Wm. J. Thomas and Miss Amanda Reynolds, of Corning.
 T. C. Owsley and Miss Flora M. Stewart, of Mound City.
 V. C. Kames of Mound City, and Miss Mary Arnack, of New Point.

SUITABLE PRESENT FOR YOUR WIFE OR DAUGHTER. SOLELY AT AN UPRIGHT PIANO. You can purchase one at this office for a very small sum of money. Call and see it.

CHRISTMAS.

How the Day was Celebrated in Our Churches.

Interesting exercises were held in all the churches of our city during holiday week. Santa Claus appeared before the wondering little folks, and distributed many beautiful presents among them, making their hearts glad and causing them to long remember the joyous occasion.

At the M. E. Church, on Saturday evening a Christmas entertainment was held, consisting of an address of welcome, sacred Christmas songs, fine music, recitations, dialogues, and other things, which made the entertainment one of great interest and pleasure. On Sunday, Rev. Carothers, of this church, delivered a very excellent Christmas sermon.

On Sunday evening, at the German M. E. Church, the usual Christmas festivities were held, consisting of essays, recitations, dialogues, music, etc. The music, we know was good, but as we left our German at home in our best breeches pocket, we could not criticize very closely other parts of the entertainment. All the children of the Sunday school were remembered, for the tree was laden with presents, and decorated, in that high taste, as only the German mother can decorate. Mr. Phillip Rostock, had charge of the choir, and we heard some of the best music we have listened to since our residence in Oregon. The little Schulte children rendered "Minnie Brown," a duet, in perfect harmony and time. They have won a warm place in the hearts of our Oregon audiences.

On Monday evening, the friends of the Presbyterian Church, held their entertainment, which consisted of music, recitations, Christmas tree, etc. Superintendent Montgomery made a few remarks, and introduced Santa Claus, who appeared in gorgeous array, and distributed many presents to the old and young.

The colored people of our city, gave an exhibition and Christmas tree on Monday evening, which was largely attended, and proved to be an entertainment, worthy of people, having better advantages. We would like to speak at length of this entertainment, but space forbids. The essay by Miss Dolly Harris, was truly a worthy composition. There are a certain few young men (white) who are in the habit of attending the entertainments given by our colored people, for the express purpose of disturbing their meetings. Our colored people should present their names to the grand jury, and we think it would cause them to "let up" on their frolics.

—Ford Rostock has several good second-hand sewing machines for sale cheap. Call and see them if you want bargains. I make the repairing of all kinds of sewing machines a specialty.

HURRAH!
 —FOR—
 Santa Clause.

The Best and Cheapest place to buy your fine Toys and Candles, and all kinds of Holiday Goods is at the Restaurant and Bakery on the corner, one door south of Graves & Weber, Forest City, Mo. SANFORD LIMPUS.

HOLIDAY GOODS
 SOMETHING WORTH KNOWING
 That Christmas Goods in our line can be seen and had the popular Store of
 KREEK & WATSON

We have an attractive display of Novelties and Characteristic Designs for various purposes. The HOLIDAYS are near at hand, our customers are aware of the great difficulty experienced in getting waited upon, for the last few days before Christmas. Our stock is complete, containing very many choice articles, not to be found elsewhere. We buy all goods direct from the manufacturers. We wish ALL to come, price, and see our

ELEGANT DISPLAY.
 We would suggest that selections can be made now before the rush commences, and the goods left until wanted, thus avoiding the crowd.

Respectfully,
 Kreek & Watson,
 Oregon, Mo.

No Excuse.
 You need not tell your sister, aunt or cousin, or even your mother-in-law that for want of something suitable they will have to go without a present. Herberger & Anderson's line of Glassware and Queensware is complete in every detail.

Removal
D. M. Martin

Has removed just one door south of Bank where may be found the most complete stock of

Harness, Saddles, Bridles, Etc.

Ever offered for sale in Holt County. I am offering special inducements in

Lap Robes, Horse Blankets, and Sleigh Bells.

I am also buying celebrated Wagons, Buggies, Platform Spring Wagons, Etc.

Please call and examine my stock. All work warranted.

D. M. MARTIN,
 OREGON, MO.

DREAM LAND
 OR
 FAIRY'S BOWER

Where all is dazzling and sparkling, is called to mind by a visit to

Townsend, Wyatt & Co's

Dry Goods and Notion Emporium as you view their handsome display of

HOLIDAY GOODS,

SUCH AS
 Boxes, Desks, Dolls, Ornaments, Baskets, Cabinets, Vases, Brackets

And hundreds of other pretty things. Don't fail to see them now while the stock is unbroken. We are making

Extensive Cuts

On certain DRESS GOODS and BIO-CADES. Ask to see them.

Townsend, Wyatt & Co.,

S. W. Cor. 4th & Felix Sts., St. Joseph, Mo.

SANTA CLAUSE

Tin Toys, Wax, China and Rubber Dolls, Mustache Cups, Ladies' Cups, Mugs and Cups for Children, Blocks, Work Boxes, Writing desks, Fifes, Games, Drums, and other new and novel instruments. Books in great variety, and, in fact, anything you want for Christmas presents from five cents up. We have purchased over

\$500 00

Worth of fine Goods, especially for the Holiday trade. Come and look, and bring the children along.

HAS COME!

AT
 KING & PROUD'S

OREGON, MO.

STRAYED

from my farm near Forest City, I three-year old black mare, some white on one of the hind feet, white dot in center of forehead. I two-year-old steer past, three in the spring, red and white spotted, marked with a cross on the left ear and a split in the right ear. Also one yearling red steer, will be two year old in the spring, white under the belly, bush of the tail white, cross on the left ear and a split in the right ear. Both steers branded with a letter "B" on the right or left hip. I will pay the following rewards: \$10 to the person returning the mare; \$5 apiece for the return of the steers; the mare had a small bell on and branded with a letter "B" on one of the shoulders.

F. FITZMAURICK,
 Forest City, Mo.

Literary Night.

The following is the program for the literary entertainment at the school house, to-night, (Friday). All are cordially invited to attend: